

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006, in which claims 1-3, 7, 8, 13, 15, 18-24, and 26 were rejected and claims 3-6, 10-12, 16, 17, and 25 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-26 have been canceled, and new claims 27-35 have been added. Claims 27-35 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 3-6, 10-12, 16, 17, and 25 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, the allowable claims have been canceled and rewritten as claims 27-35. Claim 34 (previous claim 17) depends from claim 33 (previous claim 16) and therefore has not been written in independent form but is still allowable based upon the allowable independent claim from which it depends. Therefore, claims 27-35 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 13, 15, 18-24, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). With this Amendment, these claims have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, this application containing pending claims 27-35 is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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